

Initial Claims - September 2002

There were 4,986 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in September 2002; an increase of 9 (0.2%) claims from the 4,977 claims filed in September 2001. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program, numbered 107 down from 316 in September 2001.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 4,486 and accounted for 90 percent of the initial claims filed in September. There were 28 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms involved totaled 2,408.

September Initial Claims by Major Industry Division		
Division	Number	Percent
	4,486	100.0%
Agriculture	40	0.9%
Mining	9	0.2%
Construction	581	13.0%
Manufacturing	1,029	22.9%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	217	4.8%
Wholesale Trade	189	4.2%
Retail Trade	491	10.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	172	3.8%
Services	1,151	25.7%
Government	55	1.2%
Not Classified	552	12.3%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,151 initial claims, accounting for 25.7 percent of the initial claims filed in September. Last September there were 1,091 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the service sector. Layoffs in Business Services (334) accounted for 29.0 percent of claims in this sector. Health Services (269) accounted for 23.4 percent of claims in this sector. These two industries accounted for more than half of the layoffs associated with the Service sector and 13.4 percent of all claims filed.

There were a total of 1,029 initial claims filed within the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 22.9 percent of the September claims. Last September there were 1,535 initial claims filed by individuals working in the manufacturing sector. Miscellaneous Manufacturing which includes the jewelry industry accounted for the most layoffs (169) followed by Fabricated Metal Products (149), and Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment (124).

The Construction sector accounted for 13.0 percent of initial claims, with initial claims filed this month totaling 581. This is a 64.9 percent rise over last year's initial claims for the month of September.

September Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total	4,486	100%
Agriculture	40	0.9%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	2	0.0%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	1	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	27	0.6%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	10	0.2%
Mining	9	0.2%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	9	0.2%
Construction	581	13.0%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	115	2.6%
16 Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction - Contractors	48	1.1%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	418	9.3%
Manufacturing	1,029	22.9%
20 Food and Kindred Products	25	0.6%
22 Textile Mill Products	107	2.4%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	3	0.1%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	10	0.2%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	25	0.6%
26 Paper and Allied Products	18	0.4%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	70	1.6%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	13	0.3%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related Industries	4	0.1%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	51	1.1%
31 Leather and Leather Products	17	0.4%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	40	0.9%
33 Primary Metal Industries	60	1.3%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	149	3.3%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	74	1.6%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	124	2.8%
37 Transportation Equipment	32	0.7%
38 Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks	38	0.8%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	169	3.8%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	217	4.8%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	20	0.4%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	112	2.5%
43 United States Postal Service	14	0.3%
44 Water Transportation	25	0.6%
45 Transportation by Air	4	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	18	0.4%
48 Communications	17	0.4%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	7	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	189	4.2%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	103	2.3%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	86	1.9%

September Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Retail Trade	491	10.9%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	24	0.5%
53 General Merchandise Stores	39	0.9%
54 Food Stores	86	1.9%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	61	1.4%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	32	0.7%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	28	0.6%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	145	3.2%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	76	1.7%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	172	3.8%
60 Depository Institutions	36	0.8%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	20	0.4%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	16	0.4%
63 Insurance Carriers	41	0.9%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	16	0.4%
65 Real Estate	40	0.9%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	3	0.1%
Services	1,151	25.7%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	42	0.9%
72 Personal Services	41	0.9%
73 Business Services	334	7.4%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	51	1.1%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	21	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	4	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	43	1.0%
80 Health Services	269	6.0%
81 Legal Services	16	0.4%
82 Educational Services	84	1.9%
83 Social Services	115	2.6%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	3	0.1%
86 Membership Organizations	32	0.7%
87 Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management, and Related Services	92	2.1%
88 Private Households	2	0.0%
89 Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	2	0.0%
Government	55	1.2%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	45	1.0%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
93 Public Finance, Taxation & Monetary Policy	0	0.0%
94 Administration of Human Resource Programs	0	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs	9	0.2%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	1	0.0%
99 Nonclassifiable Establishments	552	12.3%